

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION

DEBORAH JOHNSON

PLAINTIFF

v.

Case No. 4:20-cv-4029

SOUTHERN FARM BUREAU  
CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

DEFENDANT

**ORDER**

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice. (ECF No. 8). The Court finds that no response is necessary and that the matter is ripe for consideration.

The parties indicate that they have settled all disputes between them. They ask the Court to dismiss this case with prejudice, with the parties bearing their own fees and costs.

An action may be dismissed by "a stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared." Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). "Caselaw concerning stipulated dismissals under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) is clear that the entry of such a stipulation of dismissal is effective automatically and does not require judicial approval." *Gardiner v. A.H. Robins Co.*, 747 F.2d 1180, 1189 (8th Cir. 1984). Thus, Plaintiff's claims against Defendant were effectively dismissed when the parties filed the instant stipulation. However, this order issues for the purpose of maintaining the Court's docket.

Plaintiff's claims against Defendant are hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**. If any party desires that the terms of settlement be a part of the record therein, those terms should be reduced to writing and filed with the Court within thirty (30) days of the entry of this judgment. The Court retains jurisdiction to vacate this order upon cause shown that the settlement has not been completed and further litigation is necessary.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 16th day of June, 2020.

/s/ Susan O. Hickey  
Susan O. Hickey  
Chief United States District Judge